

January 1, 2024

The Honorable Glenn Youngkin
Governor
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The Honorable Janet D. Howell
Chair, Senate Finance and Appropriations Committee
General Assembly Building, Room No: 612
Richmond, Virginia 23219

The Honorable Barry D. Knight
Chair, House Appropriations Committee
General Assembly Building, Room No: 1223
Richmond, Virginia 23219

Dear Governor Youngkin, Senator Howell and Delegate Knight:

Please find attached the updated plan detailing uses for the funds made available for the Transformation Office from the current general fund. This report shall act as the January 1, 2024 update to our original plan that was originally shared with you on September 12, 2022. We have also attached a new report listing the consultants utilized for transformation and reform initiative since January 2022.

As you know, \$10,000,000 from the general fund was made available for transfer to state agencies to help implement government transformation initiatives identified by the Chief Transformation Officer and approved by the Governor. Additionally, \$5,000,000 was made available through the 2023 Special Session I Acts of Assembly Chapter 1. Prior to the transfer of funds, the Chief Transformation Officer shall submit a plan detailing the intended use of the funds to the Governor and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees.

The objectives for Transformation, specified in Executive Order 5, are to help build a culture of transparency, accountability, and constructive challenge across government, ensure employees at all levels are reminded that our government works for the citizens of Virginia, and drive changes improving the effectiveness and efficiency of our government. In short, we work to help make Virginia's government more responsive, efficient, and transparent.

Highlights from the most recent quarter's work of the Transformation Office include:

- Co-led a team, with the Secretary of Education, to develop the **Building Blocks for Virginia's Families** early learning and childcare initiative announced on December 7, 2023. The Transformation Office provided project leadership and assistance to conduct research, analysis, and options evaluation critical to this project. The initiative ensures continued access to quality care for 27,000 children despite the expiration of federal

funding and delivers a best-in-class model that provides parental choice while reducing red tape for families and providers.

- At the Governor’s direction, we launched a new **Call Center Transformation** in partnership with the Secretary of Administration and Chief Procurement Officer. This initiative is focused on building internal call center subject matter expertise, improving call center procurement practices, and instituting best-in-class performance benchmarks to improve Virginian’s experience with the Commonwealth’s numerous call centers.
- At **Virginia’s Alcoholic Beverage Commission (ABC)**, our office partnered with the acting CEO to launch and analytically support a new revenue working team to identify and drive marketing and sales improvements to more effectively serve ABC's customers and generate additional funding for the Commonwealth.
- Collaborated with senior Department of Health leadership to support the **VDH Financial Management Transformation** project to develop the future state of the VDH Office of Financial Management, manage third-party resources to ensure timely delivery of high-quality work products, and provide interim managerial support for existing vacancies within the organization.
- Continued partnership with the Secretary of Labor and Director of the **Workforce Development Agency (VDWDA)**. We supported the functional transition of Economic Information and Analytics (EIA) staff (formerly part of the Virginia Employment Commission (VEC)) and the Registered Apprenticeship staff (formerly part of the Department of Labor and Industry (DOLI)) to the new agency on and ahead of plan respectively. Other activities included establishment of Virginiaworks.gov, agency branding, baseline metrics, budget formulation, and analysis of facilities.
- Assisted the Secretary of Administration on the development of enhanced procurement-focused **Delegation of Authority** prototypes for a pilot cohort of agencies – to provide enhanced visibility, transparency, and accountability of high dollar procurements to agency and executive branch leadership.
- We continued leading an innovative, cross-agency **Re-entry Optimization Transformation** team focused on sustainably improving re-entry success for 55,000 VADOC supervisees (i.e., probationers/parolees). Initial results include increased health insurance enrollment rates and the deployment of multiple employment pilots.
- The CTO continued to work with VEDP’s President and CEO and several Cabinet Secretaries to provide expertise and guidance to the Governor’s priority effort to implement new approaches to accelerate **Virginia’s Innovative Framework for Economic Growth**.
- The **DMV transformation** continued to deliver sustained improvements as DMV team members executed **11** new initiatives for a total of **96** through **November** while maintaining low in-person waiting times and counter service times at historic lows of 10-11 minutes.
- At the **VEC**, the Transformation Office helped claims adjudication teams pilot best-in-class re-training for Deputies and embrace rigorous performance metrics to drive improved UI outcomes for claimants. These teams reduced “claims pending adjudication” to under 3,500 (down from 110,000) and improved timeliness dramatically. The appeals team continued to reduce their backlog by 14% this quarter.

- The Chief Transformation Officer provided continued project management assistance to the **Partnership for Petersburg** and “*Right Help Right Now*” behavioral health transformation.

Specific executed and planned projects are listed on pages 2-3 of the attached schedule with information about their costs, partner agency, objectives, and uses for the funds with updated amounts. All amounts are estimated. Please note that there were no new expenditures of Transformation funds in the most recent quarter. Page 4 of the attached contains the newly required listing of consultants utilized with Transformation funds since January 2022. The list on page 4 represents the subset of projects listed on pages 2-3 that utilized external consultants.

Next Steps

The Secretary of Finance, in consultation with the CTO, shall authorize the transfer of additional amounts from this list to the identified agencies in support of the transformation initiatives.

I look forward to providing continuing quarterly program updates to you and the Chairs of the House Appropriations and Senate Finance and Appropriations Committees. As always, please share any questions or additional suggestions you may have as we continue to work together to make Virginia the best place to live, work, and raise a family.

Sincerely,



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